

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application and have been subjected to two election of species requirements in the Office action to which this Reply is responsive.

In the first of the two election of species requirements, the Examiner contended that Mph-1, Sim-2, Tat, R7, VP22, ANTP, MTS, Pep-1 and Pep-2 constitute species of a genus and that these species lack unity of invention. In accordance with the requirement, Applicants elect Sim-2 for initial examination on the merits in case no generic claim is found allowable. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11 and 13 are generic.

In the second of the two election of species requirements, the Examiner contended that intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intravein, oral, nasal, subcutaneous, intradermal, mucosal and inhalation constitute species of a genus and that these species lack unity of invention. In accordance with the requirement, Applicants elect intraperitoneal for initial examination on the merits in case no generic claim is found allowable. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 13 are generic.

Consideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the foregoing.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner consider that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Petition and the fee for a one-month extension is submitted herewith. If any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, Applicants request the Commissioner to charge the fees to deposit account #18-0988, dkt. no. NAMNP0103US.

Respectfully submitted,
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